

House File 2329 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of special hunting licenses
2 to certain nonresident disabled veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsections 3 and 4, Code
2 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 3. The director shall provide up to seventy-five
4 nonresident deer hunting licenses for allocation as provided
5 in this subsection.

6 a. Thirty-five of the nonresident deer hunting licenses
7 shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a committee
8 consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of
9 the house of representatives, and director of the economic
10 development authority, or their designees. The licenses
11 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in addition
12 to the number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant
13 to section 483A.8. The purpose of the special nonresident
14 licenses is to allow state officials and local development
15 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
16 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes,
17 or any other form of media resulting from the hunting
18 visitation shall not be used for political campaign purposes.
19 The nonresident licenses shall be issued without application
20 upon payment of the nonresident deer hunting license fee and
21 the wildlife habitat fee. The licenses are valid in all zones
22 open to deer hunting. The hunter safety and ethics education
23 certificate requirement pursuant to section 483A.27 is waived
24 for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this subsection.

25 b. Forty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be
26 allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

27 4. The director shall provide up to ~~twenty-five~~
28 seventy-five nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses for
29 allocation as provided in this subsection.

30 a. Thirty-five of the nonresident wild turkey hunting
31 licenses shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a
32 committee consisting of the majority leader of the senate,
33 speaker of the house of representatives, and director of the
34 economic development authority, or their designees. The
35 licenses provided pursuant to this subsection shall be in

1 addition to the number of nonresident licenses authorized
2 pursuant to section 483A.7. The purpose of the special
3 nonresident licenses is to allow state officials and local
4 development groups to promote the state and its natural
5 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs,
6 videotapes, or any other form of media resulting from the
7 hunting visitation shall not be used for political campaign
8 purposes. The nonresident licenses shall be issued without
9 application upon payment of the nonresident wild turkey hunting
10 license fee and the wildlife habitat fee. The licenses are
11 valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter
12 safety and ethics education certificate requirement pursuant to
13 section 483A.27 is waived for a nonresident issued a license
14 pursuant to this subsection.

15 b. Forty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
16 shall be allocated as provided in subsection 4A.

17 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by
18 adding the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Forty of the nonresident deer
20 hunting licenses and wild turkey hunting licenses allocated
21 when subsections 3 and 4 shall be available for issuance to
22 nonresidents who have served in the armed forces of the United
23 States on active federal service and who were disabled during
24 the veteran's military service to enable the disabled veteran
25 to participate in a hunt that is conducted by an organization
26 that conducts hunting experiences in this state for disabled
27 veterans. The licenses shall be issued as follows:

28 a. The department shall prepare an application to be used by
29 a person requesting a special license under this subsection.

30 (1) The department shall verify that the license will be
31 used by the applicant in connection with a hunt conducted by
32 an approved organization that conducts hunting experiences
33 in this state for disabled veterans. The department shall
34 specify, by rules adopted under chapter 17A, what requirements
35 an organization must meet in order to be approved to conduct

1 hunts for disabled veterans who obtain licenses under this
2 subsection.

3 (2) The department of veterans affairs shall assist the
4 department in verifying the status or claims of applicants
5 under this subsection. As used in this subsection, "*disabled*"
6 means entitled to a service connected rating under 38 U.S.C.
7 ch. 11 with a degree of disability of thirty percent or more or
8 a person who is on active duty and has been awarded the purple
9 heart for disabilities incurred in action.

10 *b.* A license issued under this subsection shall be in
11 addition to the number of nonresident wild turkey hunting
12 licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.7 and nonresident
13 deer hunting licenses authorized pursuant to section 483A.8.
14 However, a nonresident who obtains a license pursuant to
15 this subsection is not eligible to obtain a nonresident deer
16 hunting license or wild turkey hunting license under any other
17 provision of law.

18 *c.* A disabled veteran who receives a special license
19 under this subsection shall purchase a hunting license, and
20 a wild turkey hunting license or a deer hunting license, if
21 applicable, and pay the wildlife habitat fee, all for the same
22 fee that is charged to resident hunters. If hunting deer,
23 the disabled veteran shall also pay a one dollar fee that
24 shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd
25 population management, including assisting with the cost of
26 processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger program
27 administered by the commission.

28 *d.* A disabled veteran who receives a special license under
29 this subsection shall complete the hunter safety and ethics
30 education course.

31 *e.* A license issued under this subsection is valid for use
32 only on a hunt conducted by an organization approved under this
33 subsection.

34 *f.* The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for
35 the administration of this subsection.

EXPLANATION

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2 This bill requires the director of the department of
3 natural resources to issue special deer hunting licenses and
4 wild turkey hunting licenses to certain nonresident disabled
5 veterans for use on hunts conducted by organizations that
6 conduct hunting experiences in the state for disabled veterans.

7 The director is required to make available 40 of the 75
8 special nonresident deer hunting licenses that are currently
9 allocated by a committee to promote the state and its natural
10 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries, for issuance
11 to nonresident disabled veterans. The director is also
12 required to increase the number of special nonresident wild
13 turkey hunting licenses from 25 to 75, and to make 40 of those
14 licenses available for issuance to disabled veterans.

15 The special licenses must be used in connection with a hunt
16 conducted by an approved organization that conducts hunting
17 experiences in the state for disabled veterans. The department
18 is to adopt rules specifying what requirements an organization
19 must meet to be approved.

20 The special licenses are available to nonresident veterans
21 who are entitled to a service connected rating under federal
22 law with a degree of disability of 30 percent or more or to
23 nonresidents who are on active military duty and have been
24 awarded the purple heart for disabilities incurred in action.
25 The department of veterans affairs shall assist the department
26 in verifying the status of applicants for the licenses.

27 The special licenses are in addition to the number of
28 nonresident wild turkey and deer hunting licenses that are
29 otherwise authorized by law. A nonresident who obtains one
30 of the special licenses is not eligible to obtain another
31 nonresident wild turkey or deer hunting license under any other
32 provision of law.

33 A nonresident who purchases a special license must also
34 purchase a hunting license, and pay the wildlife habitat fee,
35 all for the same fees as a resident hunter. A nonresident who

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1 purchases a special deer hunting license must also pay the
2 \$1 fee for the purpose of deer herd population management,
3 including assisting with the cost of processing deer donated to
4 the help us stop hunger program.

5 A disabled veteran who receives one of the special licenses
6 must complete the hunter safety and ethics education course.